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AMEMBASSY COTONOU NIACT IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 0466

FROM COTONOU CHARGE THOMPSON AND EASUM

ABIDJAN FOR AARMA FOULDS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, PFOR, DN

SUBJ: COUP ATTEMPT IN BENIN

REF : COTONOU 103

1. WE STILL MONITORING FRENCH AND INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE BROADCASTS

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FROM COTONOU; AS OF 1030 HOURS LAGOS TIME COTONOU RADIO

UNDER CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT FORCES. AT 1030 A.M. LAGOS TIME

PRESIDENT KEREKOU BROADCAST FRENCH-LANGUAGE APPEAL TO NATION TO
REPEL "FOREIGN MERCENARIES" WHO HAD "ATTACKED THE CAPITAL".

CALLED ON ALL LOYAL BENINOIS TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND PRESERVE

THE REVOLUTION; STATEMENT WAS VERY SHORT AND EMOTIONAL.

DID NOT RPT NOT IDENTIFY NATIONALITY OR SPONSORSHIP OF MER-

CENARIES OR GIVE ANY INDICATION OF THEIR NUMBERS OR LOCATION. EARLIER, INTERIOR MIN AZONHIHO ISSUED CALL TO ALL MILITARY UNITS IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS, ESPECIALLY PARAKOU AND OUIDAH, TO CONVERGE ON CITY TO PROTECT REVOLUTION. SIMILAR COMMANDS ISSUED FOR ALL DOCTORS AND NURSES TO COME TO COTONOU HOSPITAL, AS WELL AS FOR DIRECTOR NATIONAL LOTTERY TO REPORT TO HIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

2. COTONOU RADIO HAS REPORTED THAT BORDERS HAVE BEEN SEALED AND PRO GOVT. FORCES EMPOWERED TO SEARCH ALL VEHICLES FOR WEAPONS OR OTHER MATERIEL WHICH COULD AID COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. BROADCAST LAUNCHED APPEAL TO INHABITANTS OF LAGOON VILLAGES TO CLOSE WATERWAYS TO ALL SUSPECT TRAFFIC. ALL CUSTOMS OFFICIALS SUMMONED TO ASSIST AT COTONOU PORT.

3. NIGERIA RADIO TO DATE HAS MADE NO MENTION OF EVENTS IN BENIN.

4. FOR COTONOU: LAGOS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH VOICE CONTACT VIA SSB ON 6767 RPT 6767 KHZ. SINCE OPENING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN NIGERIA AND BENIN ANNOUNCED JANUARY 14, SUGGEST ALSO TRYING THIS CHANNEL. AMEMBASSY LAGOS TEL: 033 - 57320 THROUGH 8.
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